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INDIAN ASSEMBLY SUPPLIES

INTERESTING SITUATION.

GOVERNMENT'S FISCAL POLICY.

LONDON, March 22.
An interesting position has been created by the Indian Legislative Assembly's refusal to vote supplies as a protest against heavy military expenditure, especially by the rejection of the proposal to increase the cotton import duty.

While the Times declares that the refusal will probably necessitate re-consideration of Indian reports, the Manchester Guardian reflecting the views of the cotton exporters to India sympathises with the Assembly's action and declares that the only solution is the Government borrowing combined with retrenchment.

It is noteworthy that an amendment to retain the cotton import duty of eleven per cent. led to a split in the Democratic party, the Assembly section of which wished to fix the duty at 11 per cent.

In the course of the debate Sir Malcolm Hailey strongly denied that there had been any influence on the part of Lancashire. He said the Government was determined to have fiscal freedom for India at all costs.

EGYPTIAN DISORDERS.

KING'S GUESTS SET UPON.

NATIVE TROOPS' INACTION.

CAIRO, March 22.
A serious feature of yesterday's continued demonstrations was the failure of the Egyptian troops to make any serious effort to disperse the hooligans who heartily by their attitude subjected to indignities and sometimes severely belaboured prominent persons from the provinces who had been attending the King's levee. Ultimately it was necessary to summon the mounted native police a handful of whom speedily cleared the thoroughfare. It is understood that a court of enquiry has been ordered.

ALEXANDRIA DEMONSTRATION.

ALEXANDRIA, March 22.

In the course of demonstrations here the crowd attempted to enter the Mohamed Ali square for the purpose of destroying decorations in honour of independence day. Three hundred arrests were made. Three policemen were injured.

BOTTOMLEY'S FINANCES.

TWO FURTHER CHARGES.

GERMAN SUBMARINE PURCHASE.

LONDON, March 22.
Two further charges against Mr. Horatio Bottomley were announced at Bow Street to-day when the hearing charge in connection with the Victory Bond Club was continued, namely of taking £15,000 from an account of which he was trustee to purchase the former German submarine "Deutschland" and of fraudulently converting to his own use £100,000 represented by allotment letters from the Bank of England in respect of victory bonds.

WAGES COME DOWN.

STRIKES IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK, March 22.
Sweeping wage reductions in the cotton manufacturing industry which have already led to numerous strikes in the New England states have now reached the important textile centre of Lawrence in Massachusetts where mills employing 11,000 persons have announced a 20 per cent cut in wages and mills employing 7,000 have closed indefinitely.

KING WILL AGAIN.

LONDON, March 22.

The King is better. He remains indoors at present owing to the wintry weather.

NANYANG BROTHERS.

SIXTEEN PER CENT TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Co., Ltd. held their seventh annual general meeting of shareholders at Shanghai on March 15. Mr. H. C. Chen, president of the company, presided. The total assets of the company for the year ended March 15, 1922, were £1,017,750. The total liabilities were £1,017,750. The profit for the year was £1,017,750. The dividend for the year was 16 per cent.

In spite of the fact that the cost of "national goods" more than they output has increased, and extra tobacco taxes have been levied on our goods, and in spite of the military troubles throughout the country, the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Co. has increased output, and has had much pleasure in announcing that the net profit for the year ended March 15, 1922, was £1,017,750. The total assets of the company for the year ended March 15, 1922, were £1,017,750. The total liabilities were £1,017,750. The profit for the year was £1,017,750. The dividend for the year was 16 per cent.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/5 9/16.
To-day's opening rate 2/5 9/16.

GENOA INTRIGUES.

RUSSIAN PROBLEM.

NATIONAL JEALOUSY.

LONDON, March 22.
The Daily Mail reports that the conference of allied experts in London deliberating the Genoa programme yesterday considered the question of a general treaty with the Soviet the chief effect of which would be to give recognition which it is believed Britain and Italy are prepared to accord, but France and Belgium are reluctant to give. The main opposition comes from the Japanese who appear to consider a strengthened Moscow government might prove aggressive regarding Siberia, particularly Sakhalin.

ULSTER BORDER TENSION.

GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION.

SILENT MEASURE PROBABLE.

LONDON, March 22.
In the House of Commons, questioned regarding the situation in the Ulster boundary, Mr. Winston Churchill read telegrams from both Irish Governments containing charges and counter charges of raids and terrorism. He thought the whole question of controlling the border must at the earliest moment be reviewed by His Majesty's Government which might have to consider forming a curtain of imperial troops between the warring sections similarly to that furnished in Silesia.

HOME RACING.

GRANLEY WINS LINCOLNSHIRE.

LONDON, March 22.

The Lincolnshire resulted as follows—
Granley 1
Monarch 2
Roman Bachelor 3
Thirty-two horses ran. Granley won by five lengths. Half a length separated second from third.
The betting was as follows—Granley 20-1; Monarch 10-1; and Roman Bachelor 5-1.

HONGKONG PETITION.

PRESENTED TO THE COMMONS.

LONDON, March 22.

In the House of Commons Colonel John Ward presented a petition from the British inhabitants of Hongkong for substitution of popular election for government nomination of the non-Chinese members of the Legislative Council and adoption of a larger electoral body.

MOI TSAI DECREE.

HOME PAPER PLEASED.

LONDON, March 22.

The Daily News is gratified at the news that "the child slaves of Hongkong" will be freed and congratulates Mr. Winston Churchill in the characteristic thoroughness of his announcement and the prudent measures taken to ensure the drawing up of a practical scheme for the future welfare of the liberated children.

FRENCH RAILWAY LOAN.

ROTHSCHILD'S £5,000,000 OFFER.

LONDON, March 22.

Rothschilds have made an offer for £5,000,000 worth of French Northern Railway 6 per cent. bonds at a price of 90.

INDIA'S SILVER IMPORTS.

SUGGESTED TAX REJECTED.

DELHI, March 22.

The Legislative Assembly heavily rejected a proposal to tax imported silver.

BUSINESS NOTICES

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PUBLIC AUCTIONS

FORTHCOMING SALE:
SATURDAY, 25th inst. 102, The Peak.
Particulars to follow.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
(for account of the concerned),

FRIDAY,

March 24, 1922, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

Chinese Porcelains, Curios, Lacquered Ware, &c., &c., Including a variety of 5 coloured and 3-coloured Vases and Jars, Wall Plates, Table Screens, Blue and White Vases, Inlaid boxes, Old Bronze and Brass Figures and Vases, Kakeemono, Lacquered Cabinets, Chairs, Screens, Tables, Ivory Ware, Jade, Agate and Crystal Ornaments, Mandarin Pieces.

Also many Green Jade Ornaments, Beads Hand Bags, Embroidered Bags, Amber Necklaces, Golden Breast Pins, Scarf Pins, Sleeve Buttons, Bracelets, Brooches, &c., &c., The above stock recently arrived from the North and includes pieces from the Ming, Kianghi, Kienlung and Tseungwong Periods.

The bulk of which will be sold with out reserve.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).
Terms: Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, March 17, 1922.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Col. S. HUMPHREYS, to sell by Public Auction,

SATURDAY,

March 25, 1922, at 10.30 a.m., at No. 102, The Peak,
Valuable Household Furniture, and Sundries.

Settees, Arm-chairs, Old Blackwood Side Table, Wall Plaques from Imperial Palace, Lacquered Tables, Embroidered Silk Fire Screens, Tientsin Carpets, Axminster Rugs, Gramophone and Records, Dining Room Chairs, Blackwood M.T. Oblong Tables, Blackwood Wardrobe, White Enamel Bedroom Suites including Double Wardrobes, Cheval Glass Dressing Tables, Sunlight-Glass and China, and Kitchen Utensils.

On view 18 and 19 inst.
Terms: Cash on delivery.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, March 13 1922

TUESDAY,

March 28, 1922, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

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Electric Reading Lamps, Screens, Sunlight Blackwood Furniture, Chairs, Cabinets, Pictures.

Also
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Hongkong, March 22, 1922.

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INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE Thirty-sixth Yearly General Meeting of the Members of the Hongkong Club, will be held in the Club House on MONDAY, the 27th March, 1922, at 5.30 p.m.

By Order,
A. H. ABBAS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 18, 1922.

NOTICE.

THE ROYAL MARINES are requested to communicate with P.O. Box 530.

Hongkong, March 21, 1922.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Forty-fourth Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, P.O. Box 530, on WEDNESDAY the 29th March at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1921.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 15th to 29th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, March 10, 1922.

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society will be held in the City Hall on WEDNESDAY March 29th at Noon.

K. E. A. CAVALIER,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, March 18, 1922.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 31st March, 1922, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1921.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st March 1922, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, March 13, 1922.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

NOVICES COMPETITION.

AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

Thursday, Friday & Saturday.

March 30th & 31st & April 1st.

SATURDAY, April 1st.

Novices Finals.

15 Round Featherweight Championship.

15 Round Middleweight Championship.

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Booking at Montre's. MEMBERS MONDAY 27th March, GENERAL PUBLIC TUESDAY 28th March, when tickets for THURSDAY and FRIDAY, (unreserved) will also be sold.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE Race Meeting in honour of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales to be held on April 7th at the Race Course Happy Valley.

Members are hereby notified that this Meeting will rank as a Gymkhana Meeting as far as all penalties and allowances are concerned for Races held by the Hongkong Jockey Club.

H. BIRKETT,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, March 20, 1922.

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The proceeds will be donated to the prop. sd. New Nursing Home.

H. BIRKETT,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, March 20, 1922.

NOTICE TO OFFICERS AND ENGINEERS OF THE BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE.

IN accordance with the expressed wish of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales to meet all ex-service men, among whom he mentioned officers of the Mercantile Marine, His Excellency the Governor most kindly extends to all certificated members of that Service in ships using or passing through the Port an invitation to be present in the grounds of Government House at 2.30 p.m. on the afternoon of April 6th, when His Royal Highness looks forward to meeting them. In announcements of the above already issued, the final date of application for tickets of admission is stated to be March 25th. It has however been realised that if this date is strictly observed, the majority of officers likely to be in port on April 6th will be prevented from attending. Arrangements have therefore been made that officers should apply as soon as possible for cards of admission to the Rev. G.T. Waldegrave, Seamen's Institute, Praya East (stating rank, ship, name of firm, and any war-services and decorations), the final date of application being kept as late as possible in order to obviate in some measure the difficulty above stated.

Hongkong, March 23, 1922.

PEAK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING to which all Peak Residents are invited will be held on TUESDAY NEXT THE 28th INSTANT in the Peak Club at 6 p.m.

To consider:—
A. Proposal to form a Peak Residents' Association and if confirmed B. All matters relative thereto.

JOHN BENTLEY,
Hon. Secretary of Provisional Committee.
Hongkong, March 22, 1922.

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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

CHINA COAST, ETC.

SWATOW.

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MARRIAGE.

DINSDALE-SMITH.—At the Peak Church on Wednesday, 22nd March, 1922, Felix Amyas Dinsdale, second son of Mrs. and the late G. K. Dinsdale, formerly of Yokohama, to Dorey Margaret, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith, Dunley, Worcestershire. (Japan papers please copy).

The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 23 1922.

STOP! LOOK! THINK!

There is danger. Perhaps you would consider it funny and foolish to think twice about a flea biting a rat. What does a rat more or less matter anyway? But by and by there is a plague epidemic. Health officers do not attach importance to rats and fleas; and if the minds of moralists do not interest you, they being impracticable folk as everyone knows, you must as a patriot take an interest in politics. Sometimes big things in politics grow out of the littlest and apparently most trifling and insignificant matters, like a contagion from a cigarette stub. There was a little matter mentioned in the Court during the Praya Murder trial, which has nothing to do with the guilt or innocence of the accused, and comment on it cannot prejudice the case, and as it does urgently need comment, so that a lot of people may wake up to what is likely to be the next plague epidemic, I will say a few words about it. Mr. Jenkin said two things

about this community that ought not to be true, but are true, and should be repented of and checked and avoided like a plague, because they are as dangerous as the rat flea or the cigarette stub. He said first that "public opinion" in this case was such that sound thinking men in the heat of the moment thought that the right mode of treatment was immediate public execution on the spot where the murder took place; and he said secondly that "he personally had been freely and harshly condemned for associating himself with this man." The learned Judge was surprised and shocked. The *China Mail* deplores such "public opinion" but is not surprised, because it has observed it before. It has heard the squeaking of the plague-infested rats. It heard them uttered against another lawyer who acted for an unpopular section of the community a few weeks back. It heard a prominent business man declaiming publicly in Ice House Street during the strike that all the Guild officials should be led out on the Praya and shot. It has heard, from time to time, and in various degrees of emphasis, all sorts of sentiments showing that this community—even the presumably "sound thinking" sections of it—is not so devoted to the principles of law and order as a civilized community ought to be. Mr. Jenkin tolerantly spoke of "the heat of the moment," and it is true that there are moments when we are all liable to lose grip of the fundamentals. But in Hongkong, these heated moments have, visibly, been multiplying and growing in duration. Unless our people stop—look—think—unless they put on the brakes, they are headed for the horror of a Lynch Law, which is a law of all. Fission and intolerance have developed to a dangerous point when they attack a lawyer. The *China Mail* calls attention to it, and says: "Mr. Jenkin said two things

of a process that begins in almost unnoticeable ways. Some people who do still respect the orderly process of the Law were probably guilty of failing to pay proper respect to the right of free thought and free speech which was part of the law, and interference with which is subversion of law. Only the most foolish loss of temper, and the most unreasonable sort of race hatred, could inspire a person to a barrister for undertaking his normal functions and duties. As well blame the police who do not slay criminals offhand, but take them and safeguard them until they are brought to order, and decent trial, which is Society's own safeguard against the mistakes and injustices of barbarous passions. Stop! Look! Think! Don't let yourselves go in rage, but hold fast to that which has been proved and tested—the dispassionate calm and balance and logic and reason of the Law. The Law is that "public opinion" shall not try persons and causes, for we have learned how un dependable "public opinion" is. When public opinion behaves as it has been doing here, it has gone no further than the squeaking of the infected rats. Lynching follows like the plague, and is, like the plague, epidemic. If ever you get that far here, you will be shot down by the officers of the Law, as rioters and unlawful assemblers. The man who tells Lynch law is a lyncher, an unlawful person, at heart. There should be some lawful punishment for him.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Chinese Merchants Bank opened a branch office in Shanghai yesterday.

The death is reported from Yokohama of Mr. F. G. Woodruff, at the age of 72. Mr. Woodruff was a resident in Japan for 53 years.

An order in council making permits for the export of silver bullion unnecessary was tabled at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council.

The following officers have been elected to form the Executive of the Soldiers' Club: Capt. F. G. Harder, King's Regt., (President), Capt. D. Fettes, M.B., R.A.M.C., Lieut. F. C. Ager, M.C., King's Regt., and Lieut. J. T. Begg, R.G.A. (members) and Lieut. N. L. Hammond R.E. (hon. sec. and treas.).

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Sverre Berg, acting Consul for Norway to Miss Constance Mary Hendry who is due here from Shanghai by the "Toyo Maru." Another approaching wedding is that of Mr. W. H. Ward, shipwright R.N., of H.M.S. "Moorhen," to Miss Alice Maud Mallet, of St. Ebbs, Oxford, England.

Walking homewards to his masted in Woosung Road last night, a stonecutter was stopped at the corner of Jordan Road and Cox's Path by three men who attempted to search him on the pretext that they were looking for daggers. When he resisted they assaulted him and in the scuffle stole his girdle containing \$10 in Chinese 20 cent pieces.

Vice-Admiral Kato, the expert adviser of the Japanese delegation to Washington, interviewed on his return, said that luxury and extravagance, especially of women, are the principal causes of war. "Probably his idea is that if all the money were put into the purchase of warships, these vessels would maintain peace."

It is reported that the Japanese Emperor who is now at the Imperial Villa at Hayama, is making favourable progress towards recovery. Although an intensely cold winter has been experienced, he has not suffered. There has been a marked increase of late in his appetite and weight. He is taking exercise regularly in the daytime, and in the evening plays billiards.

This from the *Japan Chronicle*:—We have been courteously informed by the police that the authorities consider this article in our issue of the 4th instant under the heading "Hongkong Strike" subversive of peace and order. The article in question consisted wholly of telegrams from Hongkong, which have appeared in the Hongkong and Shanghai papers, together with a piece of news from the Japanese papers about the difficulty of a couple of Japanese investigators had with their passports. This last item was the only one in any way relating to Japan. We gratefully repeat the last item in order of importance, and have unintentionally published the whole of the article. What is to be done with the matter which sent the message we do not know. It is extremely difficult to proceed the standard by which offences are officially judged. It is not a matter of

PRAYA MURDER.

EVIDENCE CONCLUDED.

MR. JENKIN'S ADDRESS.

"THIS MAY HAS BEEN PREJUDGED."

The evidence in the Praya murder trial was finished this morning and at about 11.30 a.m. Mr. F. C. Jenkin who is appearing for the prisoner, Lewis We, began his address to the jury. He was still talking when the Court rose for tiffin.

Yesterday afternoon the defence called several witnesses who were working in the vicinity of the square when the murder took place. A youth who was working on the Prince's reception pavilion declared that the shooting was done by a tall man whom he had seen standing with two others near the corner of the garden. When the report was heard these three men and three or four others who were standing near the new pier boarding ran away towards the Queen's Statue. He did not see the prisoner there. A man who was working on one of the pillars said he saw the prisoner looking at the pillars and statues. He heard a bang and then saw two men running towards the Des Vaux Road from the Praya. Several other men came after them and were followed by the prisoner. A foreman employed on the new Hongkong Bank Annex said he saw 10 or 20 people running through Wardley Street. A man in a grey suit, taller and stouter than the prisoner, threw something over the garden railing. Another man working on the ground floor of the same building tendered similar evidence.

This morning the Attorney General (the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C.) announced that he did not propose to cross-examine any further witnesses for the defence. His position was, he said, that there was a direct conflict of evidence between them and the Crown witnesses and that the witnesses for the defence must be telling falsehoods.

Retalled at the request of the Attorney General a photographer who gave evidence yesterday stated that he was instructed by the prisoner's solicitors what views to take. He took no views of the West side of the Queen's Statue.

Mr. Jenkin then called Chief Warder James Charles Webb who said that last Saturday an identification parade was held in the Victoria Jail at the instance of Mr. Brutton the prisoner's solicitor. The deputy superintendent of prisons (Mr. Franks) and witness were present. A line of 14 men taken at random and including the prisoner were paraded. The prisoner was told to take any position he liked in the line and place himself as number five from the right. As soon as the parade was ready a Chinese witness was called in and he identified the prisoner at once.

Mr. Jenkin said that this was the witness who was working on one of the pillars. The witness said that a second Chinese witness went along the line and at once pointed out the prisoner. The foreman of the jury asked whether it was customary for a prisoner to be invited to choose his place in the line. The Chief Justice said he thought that from his experience he could tell them that was usually done. The witness agreed that this was so.

Ngai Ping, a contractor in connection with the Hongkong Bank's new building, said that on March 11, he was interviewed by a clerk from Mr. Brutton's office who mentioned that sometime ago a man was killed and asked him whether he knew anything about it. The clerk suggested that some of his folk might know something about it and witness agreed to speak to them. Witness eventually found two men who said they knew something about it.

Mr. Jenkin was questioning the witness as to the statements made to him by this man when the Attorney General objected that the evidence was inadmissible. Mr. Jenkin pressed for the admission of the evidence on the ground that it was essential in order to refute the Attorney General's allegation that the evidence for the defence had been fabricated in Mr. Brutton's Office.

After some discussion the chief Justice suggested to the Attorney General that under the circumstances, since Mr. Jenkin attached great importance to it, the evidence should be allowed. Mr. Kemp did not press his objection any further but expressed the hope that on the next occasion when the Crown sought the admission of evidence of that nature the same privilege would be extended to them.

Proceeding with his evidence the witness related what the men had told him and said that when Mr. Brutton's clerk called to inquire whether he discovered anything he did not answer a word. The Chief Justice asked why that was. The witness replied that he was a workman, it is

better not to interfere than to interfere. Afterwards he mentioned that two of the men knew something and, though at first they did not want to go, they finally went along to Mr. Brutton's office.

Mr. George Kingston Hall Brutton, the defendant's solicitor, gave evidence regarding the identification parade spoken of by Chief Warder Webb. Before he went to Victoria Jail at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning neither he nor anybody in his office communicated with the prisoner and at the parade itself neither he nor the clerk had any communication with the witnesses other than to call them in. Witness personally took the proofs of the witnesses who were called yesterday from the various buildings.

COUNSEL'S ADDRESS.

This concluded the evidence for the defence and immediately afterwards Mr. Jenkin rose to address the jury on behalf of the prisoner. Counsel began by stating that he would like to register the deep sympathy which Mr. Brutton felt as men who were defending the alleged murderer for the Lemg family in the midst of their trouble as the result of what undoubtedly was a "most cold-blooded and cowardly crime."

"I beg of you most earnestly," Mr. Jenkin proceeded "to steel yourselves, to be prepared, to withstand the jocular cynicism of your fellow clubmen should you find this man 'not guilty.' I say it advisedly because I move amongst people with whom we are all in daily communication and I know, and you know, that outside of this Court this man has been condemned, bang drawn and quartered hundreds of times by lay judges who have never been inside of this Court. They pick up scraps of the evidence from the newspapers and are convinced that the man is guilty."

They would not go into the Club, Mr. Jenkin said, without meeting this class of question: "What! You found that man not guilty?" They would be bound to meet it—they could not help it. This man had been prejudged and he begged of them: therefore, as he knew they would, to care about what these people outside the Court thought—these people who walked around the street and said that this man was guilty.

There was one other small matter which Mr. Jenkin wanted to touch upon and that was the position of defending counsel. They heard of cases in which barristers had appeared in criminal trials and got the man off. Afterwards foolish or unthinking people suggested that this was the result of the use of a glib tongue, of the ability to twist and distort the evidence. The jury had sat in this Court and would have seen that it was impossible that there could be any improper handling of the evidence by defending counsel. You often heard people saying: "Oh, Get on and so on to the case and the man will get off." "If I thought," declared Mr. Jenkin, "that the prisoners whom in future it may be my privilege to defend would be prejudged by the fact that I was defending them I should go and practise in another Colony."

Discussing the evidence Mr. Jenkin urged that the Crown had failed to prove their case. In considering the facts he asked them not to think whether a verdict of not guilty would affect the reputation of Captain Morgan. It would not as a matter of fact reflect on his integrity at all. He, as defending counsel, was entitled to criticise the perceptive faculties and powers of observation of Captain Morgan who did not, he believed see the man at the starting point. They would recollect that Captain Morgan failed signally to identify the man. He asked them whether they could condescend to the strength of observation which was so palpably fallacious and untrustworthy as Captain Morgan's had been shown to be.

Mr. Jenkin said that he had found in the fresh evidence called by the Crown, the evidence of Mr. Larkins, the most striking corroboration of the solution he had to put before them. Regarding the finding of the revolver which was found in the position in which it was found the prisoner could not have thrown it there from Wardley Street. The prisoner had been asked why he ran. If the Attorney General could make any thing out of the fact that one man was running when other Chinese were running he, counsel, would wish him success.

Replying to the Attorney General's suggestion that the evidence for the defence had been fabricated counsel said that it was easy for Mr. Kemp to rise in his place and say so. It was easy and but it was not so easy proved and the jury would ask for some more proof of it than the Attorney General's statement. The evidence of the witnesses for the defence was stamped with honesty by the identification parade last Saturday.

They must not think that because

ARMED ROBBERS.

LAST NIGHT'S LITTLE HOLD-UP.

Closely following a woman who had ventured outside to get some water, four armed men entered a Shanghai Street house about 9.30 o'clock last night. Having driven the inmates into a cubicle, they robbed the house at their pleasure, stealing \$39 worth of jewellery and \$104 in cash.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. TOURNEY.

The following matches were played yesterday:

Open Singles—Major C. Wilson beat Y. M. Tsun 6-3, 6-0, 6-2.
Open Doubles—F. A. Redmond and G. R. Sayer beat Surg. Lt. G. H. Hayes and Paymaster Condr. F. Vining 6-1, 8-10, 6-4, 6-4.
Club Championship—G. Miska beat R. K. Valentine 6-0, 7-5, 8-6.
Handicap Singles—"A"—E. M. Henderson (acc.) beat E. G. Lamert (+4:6) 6-3, 7-5; J. B. Penman (-15:5) beat D. J. Valentine (+3:6) 5-7, 6-4, 6-0.
Handicap Doubles—M.E.F. Airey and F. B. Pfondten (+15:1) beat J. W. Alabaster and G. M. Dodwell (-1:6) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

FANLING CADDIES.

In view of the attitude of the "casual" golf caddies at Fanling, the Royal Hongkong Golf Club has found it necessary to reconsider the list of rates for caddies and pending a decision, it has been resolved by the General Committee that no local (Fanling) caddies shall be engaged until due notice is given to members through the Press. Caddies on monthly rates, however, may continue in employment, but there shall be no addition to the list of caddies on monthly rates till further notice. Members of the Club are requested to observe these resolutions strictly pending the reconsideration now in hand; and are reminded that as private servants or Hongkong caddies may be employed, there is no need to restrict the use of the courses. In the meantime the Superintendent has instructions to see that local "casual" caddies are not allowed on the Club premises.

PEAK WEDDING.

DINSDALE-SMITH.

The Peak Church was the scene of an interesting wedding yesterday afternoon when Mr. F. A. Dinsdale, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, was married to Miss Dorey M. Smith by the Rev. H. Copley Moyle. The bride, whose dress was a pretty creation in white tulle and pearls, was accompanied by Miss Hilary Lowe, who had chosen mauve crepe de chine for her dress.

The bride was given away by Mr. R. M. Smith, her brother. Mr. J. D. H. Crawford, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, acted as groomsmen. Following the church ceremony a reception was held at Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith's home, No. 96 the Peak at which the customary toasts were honoured. The honeymoon takes place at Shanghai.

the Attorney General, from his place, surrounded as he was by Assistant Attorney Generals, Captain Superintendents of Police, Inspectors "and what not," said the evidence for the defence to be a fabrication, that it was so. It was all very well for the Attorney General to sit down and say that he would not cross examine the witnesses. With his minions, his detective department and so on, if the Crown, in the preparation of their case had done as Mr. Brutton had done, had gone to all of the offices which overlooked the locus in quo and had collected the evidence which possibly was available then they might have been able to establish whether this was a fabrication or not. Shortly after the Court resumed this afternoon Mr. Jenkin concluded his address. The Attorney General then addressed the jury. Mr. Kemp said at the outset that he wished to associate himself with the expression of sympathy which had been voiced by Mr. Jenkin. He could not hope, he said, to be as eloquent as his friend whose able and ingenious defence had been both clear and interesting. The Crown case, he declared, was perfectly clear and convincing and was strong enough for any prosecution to rely on. It was not, as it was in the case of an entirely independent story given for the jury to say what it was. "Proceeding,"

Three cases of plague (one fatal) one of small pox (fatal), one of enteric fever and one of cerebro spinal fever, all Chinese, were notified yesterday, also one of diphtheria, British.

PRINCE'S JAPAN VISIT.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE NAMED.

The full names of the Reception Committee in connection with the Prince of Wales's visit to Japan are announced as follows:—H.I.H. Prince Yorihito Higashi Fushimi, who is well-known in Great Britain, having been there on two official visits, once when he represented the Imperial Japanese Court at the Coronation, and again when he was sent on a special mission to present the sword of a Marshal in the Japanese army to His Majesty the King. H.E. Count Suteimi Chinda, a former Ambassador in London, and more lately known to the British people as a member of the suite of H.I.H. the Prince Regent. Count Chinda is now one of the chief advisers to the Regent, having been appointed to this post last November. Viscount Yoshitami Masuda, a Master of Ceremonies, who has spent many years in London, and who accompanied Prince Higashi Fushimi in 1918. Marquis Tameyasu Nakamikado, a Master of Ceremonies, who has only recently returned from a tour through Europe and America.

Major-General Toyohiko Yoshida, who was with Prince Higashi Fushimi at the time of the Coronation, and is now attached to the Imperial Household. Rear-Admiral Katsumoshi Yamashiro, who was closely associated with the British Navy during the war. Mr. Nobumichi Sakonobu, of the Foreign Office, who served in London as Consul.

Mr. Sotaro Sawada, also of the Foreign Office. Lieutenant-Colonel Masanosuke Tanoda. Commander Koi and Kurokawa, I. J. N.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

STOLEN DAGGERS.

CENTRAL POLICE STATION THEFT.

Confiscated by the police, two daggers were afterwards missed at the Central Police Station store yesterday. Suspicion fell on three men. The first, a police coolie, was charged with theft, the other two with receiving stolen property. Admitting that he took the daggers from the store, the police coolie said he gave them to the second man, who wanted them for the protection of his womenfolk.

The second man, however, declared that the coolie had given him a parcel without disclosing the nature of the contents and requested him to have it sent to the country. Accordingly he had handed it to the third man, his clansman.

The first man was sent to jail for three months and the other two for six weeks each.

BILLIARDS.

CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY.

In his round with Ho Shai Cheong at the V.R.C. last night, C. Earnshaw won a close game by 500 to 476. Earnshaw's highest break was 28 while Ho Shai Cheong made a pretty 40.

TO-NIGHT'S MATCH.

To-night L. A. Osmund will play R. F. Lur at 8.30 o'clock. Both have shown very good form and the match should be interesting to watch.

REPULSE BAY.

HENDER STILL BUSY.

The jazz band of the Hongkong Hotel, which under the able leadership of Mr. Will Hender, is adding much enjoyment to dancing in town and at Repulse Bay, has been further strengthened by the addition of a banjo player. This musician made his first appearance at Repulse Bay last night. The band did excellently, the xylophone solo of Mr. Hender being especially enjoyable, particularly in some beautiful waltzes. Contrasting with these was his work in producing some startling jazz effects for the other dances. Wednesday night's dance was attended by a large and thoroughly happy crowd.

From Messrs. Macmillan & Co. we have received an advertisement for a new book, "The Story of the R.A.F. as told by an Australian aviator," which the R.A.F. are distributing as an advertisement.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANK.

AMENDING ORDINANCE.

A bill amending the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Ordinance (1865) to give the Corporation power to increase the capital from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 and to increase the ordinary note issue limit from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 was introduced at this afternoon's Legislative Council meeting. The second readings of the bills making temporary provision for solicitors to a year in the original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court as barristers, restricting the employment of aliens and former enemy aliens on certain British ships registered here, and amending the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance, 1921 were taken.

ATTENDANCE.

Those present were:—
His Excellency the Governor, Sir Reginald Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G., His Excellency Major-General Sir John Fowler, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., The Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Dr. Gladstone, C.M.G., M.L.A., The Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer, O.B.E., The Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, O.B.E., The Director of Education, the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, The Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins, The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., The Hon. Mr. Lau Che-pak, The Hon. Mr. Chou Sze-sen, The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, O.B.E., Clerk of Councils.

HONGKONG BANK STATUTES.

AMENDING ORDINANCE.

Mr. Parr moved the first reading of a bill to amend the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Ordinance (1865) the objects and reasons of which were set forth as follows:—
(a) To give the Corporation power to increase its capital with the consent of the Governor, up to \$30,000,000. The present limit is \$20,000,000.
(b) To increase the limit of the ordinary note issue from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000.
(c) To revise the requirements of the law as to the security to be held against the ordinary note issue.
(d) To enable the Corporation to keep at certain places outside the Colony part of the security held against the excess note issue.
2. Under the existing law the excess note issue must be fully covered by coin or bullion. Under the control of custodians independent of the Corporation, and this will be so under the new Ordinance also. In future, however, the excess note issue will mean any issue in excess of \$20,000,000 instead of \$15,000,000 as at present.
3. The present requirements of the law as to the security to be held against the ordinary note issue are that coins or securities approved by the Secretary of State must be kept with the Crown Agents, or with trustees appointed by the Secretary of State equal in value to 1/3 of the first \$10,000,000 of the issue, and that the remaining \$5,000,000 of the issue, must be fully covered by such coin or securities, so deposited. The new Ordinance will provide simply that 2/3 of the ordinary issue, which issue will in future amount to \$20,000,000, must be so covered.
4. The comparison between the existing law and the new Ordinance can also be made in the following way, as regards the first \$20,000,000 of the total issue. Security under present law:—
1/3 of \$10,000,000 in coin or securities.
\$5,000,000 in coin or securities.
\$5,000,000 in coin or bullion.
Security under new Ordinance:—
2/3 of \$20,000,000 in coin or securities.
It will thus be seen that the value of the security will not be altered, but that the Corporation will be relieved from the necessity of keeping coin or bullion against any part of the first \$20,000,000 of the total note issue.
5. It will be noted that one provision disappears in the proposed new section 13, i.e., the requirement of the latter part of the present section 13 (1), that the Corporation must keep at each of its establishments an amount of coin or bullion equal in value to one-third at least of the notes issued from such establishment and actually in circulation. It is considered that this may be left to the discretion of the Corporation.
6. Sub section (4) of section 13 will enable the Corporation, subject in all respects to the approval of the Governor, to keep, in places outside the Colony where notes may be issued by the Corporation, part of the excess note issue security, which must of course be in coin or bullion. The bringing of this section into practical operation is of course dependent upon

the arrangement of a satisfactory scheme for the custody of the coin or bullion.
7. Clause 4 is the usual saving clause.

Mr. Parr said that the great increase in the Colony's business made the old Ordinance cumbersome in practice and this new one was to make it fit present time conditions. It also provided for keeping a reserve of coins where they were most needed.

Mr. Lang seconded the motion and the bill was read a first time.

OTHER BILLS.

In the absence of the Attorney-General, who was appearing for the Crown in the Praya murder trial, the Colonial Secretary moved the second readings of the bills making temporary provision for solicitors to appear in the original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court as barristers, restricting the employment of aliens and former enemy aliens on certain British ships registered here, and amending the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance, 1921.

In proposing the Crown Lands Bill, the Colonial Secretary said that against clause which made provision for holders of land under permits it had been objected that holders of short titles were liable to have their lands taken away from them without compensation. On behalf of the Government he would like to say that they would be treated in exactly the same way as other holders had been treated in this Colony and their losses would be made good.

Mr. Lau Che-pak said that since the first reading of the Bill Chinese investors in landed property had been greatly alarmed regarding the safety of such investments. In his opinion when the bill became law it would have far-reaching results causing loss to the landowners and hardship to original settlers in Hongkong.

The Governor asked Mr. Lau Che-pak if it were seriously suggested that a lease entitled the holder to expect a renewal or compensation for land resumed.

Mr. Lau Che-pak said yes.

Mr. Pollock said that it was certainly a question of expectancy.

Mr. Lau Che-pak said that in almost every case in the Colony land was bought on expectancy.

Mr. Pollock said that those who held leases with provisions for renewals had an agreement.

Mr. Lau Che-pak said it was not fair inherited land should be taken away.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded the motion and the bill was read a second time. Together with the other bills which were also seconded by the Colonial Treasurer it was in turn read a third time.

The Governor gave notice that in the course of the next few weeks a bill would be introduced into the Council to extend for one more year the Rents Ordinance.

and to make certain modifications giving landholders who had suffered hardship an opportunity for having their grievances remedied.

The Council then adjourned until next Thursday at noon.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY VOTES.

The following financial minutes recommended by H. E. the Governor were considered by this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council:—

\$1,200 in aid of the vote Kowloon-Canton Railway, other charges, maintenance of way, works and stations, repairs, station buildings.

\$5,386 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, additional sidings, loco yard, Hung-hom.

TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED.

WANTED.—A Chinese clerk with good general office experience. Send particulars to Box 118, c/o "China Mail."

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 27th day of February, 1922, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of two Lots of CROWN LAND at Mong Kok Tsui in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

No. of Lots	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Area in Acres	Annual Rent	Special Price
1	Lot 1, Mong Kok Tsui	100 ft. x 100 ft.	1.00	100	100
2	Lot 2, Mong Kok Tsui	100 ft. x 100 ft.	1.00	100	100

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN S.S. COMPANY LIMITED.

S.S. "EASTERN"

From AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by above vessel are hereby informed that same will be returned from Japan by the s.s. "Takada" due here on the 26th instant and all goods will be landed and placed AT THEIR RISK in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared within 3 days, including date of arrival, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

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Hongkong, March 22, 1922.

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TO-DAYS ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Race Meeting in honour of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

Members are reminded that entries close on Saturday March 23rd and that they should be handed in at the Jockey Club rooms Chater Road or delivered to the Hall Porter at the Hongkong Club not later than 6 p.m.

H. BIRKETT, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, March 23, 1922.

TO LET.

TO LET.—Office rooms on 1st floor, Bank of China Building, No. 1, Queen's Road Central to be let. Occupation from 1st of May. For particulars apply to "Bank of China."

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

s.s. "CALCUTTA MARU"

From Calcutta and Rangoon via Straits.

s.s. "TANGO MARU"

From Australia via Manila.

s.s. "AKI MARU"

From Yokohama.

Consignees of cargo by the above steamers are hereby informed that same has been reshipped from Kobe and arrived at Hongkong by s.s. "Awa Maru" to-day, and that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by March 23, 1922, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the godowns for examination by the consignees and the Co's representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday and Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, March 22, 1922.

BRITISH INDIA STEAM-NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

s.s. "TANDA" & "TAKADA"

CONSIGNEES of cargo from Calcutta, Rangoon and Straits per Steamers "Tanda" and "Takada" are hereby notified that a part of the cargo for Hongkong which was landed at Shanghai and Japan owing to the recent strike is coming forward per s.s. "Takada" due to arrive here on or about the 25th instant.

The cargo will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., and Consignees are requested to make the necessary arrangements respecting delivery.

Hongkong, March 21, 1922.

TOTO-KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

s.s. "PERSIA MARU"

From SAN FRANCISCO via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS & DAIBEN.

The above named Steamer having arrived on Thursday 23rd March, 1922, consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present the Bills of Lading for counter signature, and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at consignees' risk.

Cargo that could not be landed into the godowns owing to scarcity of space will be kept in lighters at consignees' risk and expense.

Storage will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered after Thursday March 30, 1922.

All broken, chafed, and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godown where same will be examined on March 30, 1922, at 11 a.m.

No claims will be recognised after goods have left the steamer or Godown, and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Y. TSUTSUMI, Manager.

Hongkong, March 21, 1922.

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EXPRESS JAPAN	Mar. 23	EXPRESS FRANCE	July 4
EXPRESS CANADA	Mar. 23	EXPRESS SCOTLAND	July 8
EXPRESS ASIA	Mar. 23	EXPRESS AUSTRALIA	July 11
EXPRESS RUSSIA	Mar. 23	EXPRESS FRANCE	July 15
EXPRESS JAPAN	Mar. 23	EXPRESS SCOTLAND	July 19
EXPRESS CANADA	Mar. 23	EXPRESS AUSTRALIA	July 22
EXPRESS ASIA	Mar. 23	EXPRESS FRANCE	July 26
EXPRESS RUSSIA	Mar. 23	EXPRESS SCOTLAND	July 30
EXPRESS JAPAN	Mar. 23	EXPRESS AUSTRALIA	Aug. 3
EXPRESS CANADA	Mar. 23	EXPRESS FRANCE	Aug. 7
EXPRESS ASIA	Mar. 23	EXPRESS SCOTLAND	Aug. 10
EXPRESS RUSSIA	Mar. 23	EXPRESS AUSTRALIA	Aug. 14
EXPRESS JAPAN	Mar. 23	EXPRESS FRANCE	Aug. 18
EXPRESS CANADA	Mar. 23	EXPRESS SCOTLAND	Aug. 21
EXPRESS ASIA	Mar. 23	EXPRESS AUSTRALIA	Aug. 25
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KOWLOON PROBLEMS.

(Continued from Page 2).

We quite recognise, of course, that it takes time to prepare the site and to draw up the detailed plans, but surely, gentlemen, we have some ground for complaint in the fact that, whereas a site was decided upon so long ago as September, 1920, tenders have not yet even been called for and, what is more, two years are expected to elapse between the time of commencement of work and the completion of the first part of the building. We can only express the hope that the Government will now see that the scheme is rapidly pushed forward and that its fulfilment will not be in any way delayed by other works, such as the general development of the locality in which the hospital will be situated.

In any case, as this Association has already intimated to the Government in a report on the subject, the necessity of peace and quietude for patients should be kept in view and no buildings, either residential or industrial should be allowed in the vicinity of the site. These disadvantages existing in the case of the Government Civil Hospital should not be duplicated on this side of the harbour.

TRAFFIC CONTROL BETTER.

With regard to the traffic control in Kowloon—a matter in which your Committee has been particularly interested there is no doubt, gentlemen, that it is very much better to-day than it was a year ago. During the year under review certain definite rents have been laid down for rickshas and motor cars approaching and leaving the ferry wharf, and when using other roads in the Peninsula. There is much better control by the police both of the ricksha traffic at the ferry and of the general traffic in the main thoroughfares. Caution signs for motorists, in English and Chinese, are now displayed in Nathan Road and your Committee wishes me to state that it would be of great assistance to the police in their task if residents would take care always to observe these signs and the signals of police officers on duty at the various points. It has been brought to the notice of your Committee that rickshas have often been encouraged by the passengers to act contrary to signs and signals. It is hoped that by a reference to the matter at this meeting all Kowloon residents will co-operate to prevent violations of regulations which have been designed for their special benefit.

DISPENSING FACILITIES.

I think, gentlemen, that I have now touched upon the more important matters which have engaged our attention during the past year, but I would also like to mention some of the other questions upon which we have been in communication with the Government. During the year we have had occasion to approach the authorities in the matter of the early closing of the dispensaries, calling its attention particularly to the inconvenience caused to Kowloon residents by the lack of dispensing facilities after 6 p.m. In reply, the Government regretted its inability to interfere in the matter, but your Committee still

feel that in the case of drugs urgently needed at night Kowloon is very ill provided for. Surely, it should not be beyond the capabilities of the Government to give us a little more protection in this very vital respect, if private enterprise fails to meet this real want.

WATER WANTS.

With regard to the question of our water supply, your Committee has received many complaints from residents and members calling attention to the indifferent water supply during certain hours of the day and of having to pay excess water charges for nothing more substantial than air which has passed through the pipes and which has been registered by the meters. As recently as last November we addressed the Government on this matter, and again approached it during the past month. We have now the pleasure to announce that an improvement has been promised by the Government. It is, we are informed, proposed to lay a pipe in Tai Kok Tsui Road as soon as it is completed. A greatly improved service may be anticipated in about 4 months.

PROPOSED CEMETERY.

A question which has exercised the minds of your Committee during the past year is the proximity of the proposed Cemetery near Ho Mun Tin to the projected Kowloon Hospital. Almost all the members of your Committee have at one time or another, visited the spot and are of the opinion that it would be a pity if the Government opened up this particular area as a cemetery, it being the general view that such a locality should be reserved for the erection of dwelling houses. We have made representations to the authorities, but have not succeeded in obtaining a reconsideration of the question.

RECREATION GROUND.

The need for a Recreation Ground in Kowloon has not been lost sight of by your Committee, but our efforts have so far not brought any result. We have learnt with pleasure the proposal of the Hongkong Hotel Co. to erect a modern Hotel on that fine site opposite Victoria View, but there are other sites nearly suitable for a Recreation Ground. These have been indicated by Government, but so far nothing has been done. In the matter of taxation, Kowloon is not given preferential treatment and, although Hongkong is no better served in regard to open spaces near the town, that is no reason why the mistake should be repeated on the Peninsula. Land sales as a means of producing revenue should not be carried out to the extent of sacrificing the "lungs" of a growing town, and if money must be found why not have recourse to a loan which is the usual expedient followed by every Government or Municipality in the world to finance large public works. The Committee have had their notice drawn to the crying need for the allotment of some land as a football ground in Kowloon, and incoming Committee will take up the matter with the Government. There is plenty of land available and a small expenditure, which should not deter the Government from meeting this want, would provide a suitable field.

WHAT ABOUT A BAND.

The subject of a Recreation Ground brings the absence of a town band

naturally to mind. This has been advocated for years, and it is surprising that the Authorities apparently are unwilling to move in the matter. Years ago, the afternoon concerts in the Murray Parade Ground, and more recently the Police Reserve concerts were the means of supplying a much desired want to the population. A few thousand dollars in the shape of subsidies to the military bands in the Colony would result in a great boon to the residents of the Peninsula and the Island, and we commend this to the Government.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.

Your Committee have not lost sight of the desirability of Constitutional Reform for the Colony of Hongkong. In a period when a greater measure of self government is being granted to other Crown Colonies, Hongkong seems to have been left far behind. Colonies of far less commercial importance, and greater military importance, if military importance be a disability as has been alleged, have been granted popular forms of government, and we trust the day is not far distant when the Colony of Hongkong will enjoy the same benefits.

CHANGES.

We have also dealt with other matters of minor importance, we trust satisfactorily to our members, but I think, gentlemen, that you have now been given a fairly comprehensive resume of the activities of your Association during the twelve months with which we are dealing, but it would be an omission on my part were I to close without reference to the more domestic side of our organisation. It is with deep regret that your Committee has to record the death of the late Mr. E. J. Noronha, who was not only our Vice President but also a prominent and active member of your Committee and one whose loss to the Association is undoubtedly great. I can personally testify to the great amount of work he did for us and the sense of loss we all feel. His place as Vice-President was filled by my election to that office.

We have also to record the resignation by Mr. W. Jackson of the office of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer—a post which he had held from the very inception of the Association. A hard worker and one who brought zeal and earnestness to his task, Mr. Jackson's place will be difficult to fill. Your Committee persuaded me to undertake the duties of Hon. Secretary until the end of the year. Messrs. G. P. Curry and L. A. Barton also resigned their seats on the Committee during the year and their places remain to be filled. The year has also witnessed the drafting of new rules which were agreed to at a specially convened extraordinary meeting.

YEAR OF USEFUL ENDEAVOUR.

The Committee are pleased that the association has been of a practical use to the residents of Kowloon during the recent strike by attending to the sale of meat, bread and milk at a depot at the Kowloon Railway Station, which was started by the Government, and I take this opportunity of conveying the Association's thanks to the many gentlemen who volunteered for the work.

In conclusion, gentlemen, it only remains for me to thank you for your help if the St. Andrew's Church vestry for the loan of the Church hall in which committee meetings were held during the greater part of the year. Generally speaking, we can look back on a year of useful endeavour in our attempt to improve the amenities of the Peninsula in which we have made our home, and the hope of your Committee is that the association will continue to merit the active support of all Kowloon residents.

The Chairman having invited questions Mr. T. Anderson took the opportunity of voicing one or two complaints in regard to the motor bus service. He said the "buses did not seem to keep to scheduled times or routes; further, coolies in working clothes, so long as they could afford to pay ten cents, were allowed to take first class seats in cars. It was

objectionable to have people in very dirty clothes and smoking bad cigarettes sitting next to one on the "buses. He urged that some regulation should be framed to deal with it.

The Chairman said that as regards routes and times the Association might be able to help by writing to the Company, but the exclusion of coolies would present a lot of difficulties. If a man could pay his ten cents he did not see how he could be prevented from riding. The committee would however, do its best in the matter.

Mr. G. P. Curry agreed with the Chairman and remarked that passengers could not very well be subjected to the scrutiny of some artist in dress before they were allowed to travel. If people wished to take advantage of a very cheap method of transport they must put up with their neighbours on the "buses. He would deprecate the Association raising such a question.

The report and accounts were then adopted.

THE CEMETERY SITE.

The Chairman said they would be glad to hear members' views with regard to the cemetery question.

Mr. Curry: I think we had better concentrate on the cemetery—the hospital scheme being so far away. Perhaps we shall all be dead before it is settled.

The Chairman said that the Government would not reconsider its decision not to move the site.

Mr. F. P. de V. Soares: I think they will move it.

In the view of Mr. T. W. Robertson the site of the cemetery—just behind King's Park—would make a very good recreation ground or building site. The cemetery should be miles further away.

Mr. W. J. Stokes said that Kowloon was expanding so fast that in a very few years the proposed cemetery site would be in the middle of the town. It was far more valuable as a building site. "We have no respect for the dead," said Mr. Stokes "but we do want to keep the place clear so that the living can go about their business."

The Chairman said that although the Government had absolutely declined to reconsider their decision he thought the views of the meeting should be communicated to the authorities, and this was agreed to.

RENTS ORDINANCE WANTED.

It was mentioned by the Chairman that there was a possibility of the Rents Ordinance being abrogated and the Association intended to take strong action to secure its continuance.

Mr. R. E. Gunn expressed the opinion that they should approach the Government about it. If the Government considered it necessary in the first place what was their reason for abrogating it now. If it was because it was working a hardship on the landlords they might expect that when the Ordinance was abrogated the landlords would raise the rents. The prime motive was to keep the landlords from raising the rents. If there was no danger of the landlords raising rents the Ordinance was not hurting them "but," added Mr. Gunn, "if it is hurting them, we want it—(Laughter.) If the Government think the rent fixed by the Ordinance is the right return for their landlords' money the Ordinance should be continued indefinitely."

The Chairman said that the best test as to whether the Ordinance was needed was whether all houses were occupied. When some houses were empty the Ordinance might be abrogated. At present, although new buildings were going up, they were all occupied immediately. He thought it would be the duty of everybody in Kowloon and Hongkong to advocate the continuance of the Ordinance.

THE SERVANT PROBLEM.

Another question brought up at the meeting was what was announced as the servant's problem. The Chairman, in introducing the subject, said there were many rumours, but nothing definite as to the proposed attitude of the servants. Personally, he thought that what they heard were only rumours but it was best to be prepared and he invited members to express their views. The Peak residents were forming an association very much on the lines of theirs, and, he believed, intended to take up the servant question. If so the K.R.A. should join forces, as this question affected the whole Colony, and no section could take independent action.

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